+HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 18 "Now Thank We All Our God"

+BENEDICTORY PRAYER

Rev. Richard Thomas

+CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Congregation standing

## Participants and Guests

Msgr. Thomas Horan St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church Carbondale

> Mayor and Mrs. Fred Mancuso City of Carbondale

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Meneely former Pastor, Berean Baptist Church Carbondale

Rev. and Mrs. Leland Pease Area Minister American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware

Rev. and Mrs. Gary Ross Pastor, Faith Tabernacle Carbondale

Rev. and Mrs. Charles F.J. Starzer Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church Carbondale

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Thomas Interim Pastor, Berean Baptist Church Carbondale



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## Mortgage Burning At Berean Baptist

A "Day of Joy and Gladness" will be eelebrated Sunday at Berean Baptist Church, highlighted by the burning of the mortgage of the present church building.

The mortgage burning ceremony, open to the public, will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The present building was constructed in 1970 following a disastrous fire on Aug. 21, 1968. Seven days after that fire, the congregation met and agreed to

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the vacant Benjamin

Franklin High School. Originally, the mortgage was to take 15 years to pay off; however, the congrega-tion has satisfied its creditors in just 12 years and will eelebrate the oceasion with a traditional "mortgage burning," an appropriate ceremony in light of the fire which necessitated the mortgage. Attending the ceremony will be former pastor Rev. Ar-

thur W. Meneely. A communion service will precede the ceremony at 11 a.m., followed by a eatered dinner in the social rooms of the church at 12:30 p.m. The present pastor of Bereau Baptist Church is the Rev. Dr. Claude A Pullis.

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